

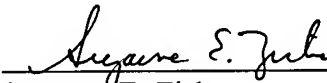
Remarks

The amendments to the specification are being made to update the priority data and to add the requisite abstract of the disclosure. Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1 to 5, 8 to 15, 22, 23, 25, 26, 29, 38 and 39 will be pending in the application. It is believed that no new matter has been introduced by this Preliminary Amendment.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and § 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **constructive petition for extension of time** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

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